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for the Compulsive Gamblers Assistance Program. Last year you agreed to a temporary increase for the program out of the Health Care Cash Funds for two years. LR 259CA increases lottery revenue funding to the Compulsive Gamblers Assistance Fund by an additional \$500,000 per year. The Compulsive Gamblers Assistance Fund would receive the first \$1 million of lottery revenue after the payment of prizes and operating expenses, plus 1 percent of the remaining lottery revenue. LR 259CA reduces the total payments going to all beneficiaries by that same amount of \$500,000 from the September payments each year, according to each beneficiary's set percentage. December, March, and June beneficiary payments would not change. Currently, after payment of prizes and operating expenses, the first \$500,000 in lottery revenue goes to the Compulsive Gamblers Assistance Fund. The remaining lottery revenue, minus the initial \$500,000, is then divided between five beneficiaries according to set percentages. LR 259CA does not change the set beneficiary percentages. To illustrate the effect of LR 259CA all the beneficiaries...on all the beneficiaries, I prepared a handout using the September 2005 payments. The payments have been figured as if LR 259CA were in effect in September of 2005. Since LR 259CA affects only the initial beneficiary payments each fiscal year, which are made at the end of September, the estimates in this handout are based on actual lottery revenue for the first quarter of this fiscal year. Keep in mind that the lottery revenue goes up and down, according to the lottery ticket sales, prize payments, and operating expenses, so beneficiary payments change each quarter. LR 259CA increases lottery revenue funding for the Compulsive Gamblers Assistance Program beginning in September, 2007, if the voters approve it, because it is a constitutional amendment. And please support that constitutional amendment, LR 259CA, and advance it to Select File. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator McDonald. You've heard the opening...you got anything? You've heard opening on it. There are amendments. Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: Mr. President, first amendment to LR 259CA is offered by Senator Schrock. Senator Schrock, I have AM2403 with a note you wish to withdraw this.